GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department - Allegations of corruption against Dr.S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, Venkataramannagudem, PHC, West Godavari District and (06) others - Surprise Check conducted by the ACB officials at PHC, Venkataramannagudem on 01.11.2001 & 02.11.2001 - Three (03) Suspect Officers Placed under suspension - Final Report submitted - Dr. S.Venkata Ratnam and 6 others prosecuted in a court of law - Acquitted by SPE & ACB Court, Rajamahendravaram Dated: 20-12-2022 in CC No. 181/2018 - Further action dropped, duly regularizing the suspension period as 'On-Duty' in terms of FR.54-(B) (3) - Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (VC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 87 **Dated: 14-02-2025**

Read the following:

1. From DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad Lr.NO.26/RCO-EWG/2002, Dated:23.03.2002.
2. G.O.Rt.No.424. HM&FW (VC.I) Department Dated: 14-05-2002.
3. G.O.Rt.No.425, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 14-05-2002.
4. G.O.Rt.No.749, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 16-08-2002.
5. From DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad Lr.NO.26/RCO-EWG/2002,S.13, Dated:14-10-2004.
6. G.O.Ms.No.155, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.05.2005.
7. G.O.Ms.No.156, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.05.2005.
8. G.O.Ms.No.157, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.05.2005.
9. G.O.Ms.No.158, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.05.2005.
10. G.O.Ms.No.159, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.05.2005.
11. G.O.Ms.No.160, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.05.2005.
12. G.O.Rt.No.660, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 21-06-2005.
13. G.O.Rt.No.661, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 21-06-2005.
14. From the DG, ACB, Lr. Rc. No.26/RCO-EWG/2002-S.13, Dated: 13.04.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Director General, ACB has informed that on credible information that the Medical Officer, PIC, Venkataramannagudem and his staff are indulging in incorrect practices and malpractices and secreted the Government Medicines meant for the distribution to the poor patients in the borewell shed of Smt. M.Narayanamma, PHC, V.R.Gudem, West Godavari District, a surprise check has been conducted on 01.11.2001 and 02.11.2001 and found certain irregularities during the surprise check. The DG, ACB has requested to place the following Six (06) Suspect Officers under suspension:

1) Dr S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC. Venkatramannagudem,
2) Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse:
3) Smt P.Nagamani, former Pharmacist, Gr-II,
4) Sri T.Seshaiah, Driver, PHC
5) Sri T.Bhaskar Rao, Attender, PHC
6) Sri A.Satyanarayana, Attender, PHC

2. In the GOs 2nd to 4th read above, Smt.M.Narayanamma (AO-II), PH Nurse, Smt. P.Nagamani (AO-III), Pharmacist and Sri S.Venkata Ratnam (AO-I) Formerly MO, PHC, VR. Gudem were placed under suspension except Two Attenders and one Driver. In the GOs 12th and 13th cited, Smt. P.Nagamani (A.O-III), Pharmacist and Sri S. Venkata Ratnam (A.O-1) were reinstated into service.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the DG, ACB has recommended to prosecute i) Dr. S.Venkata Ratnam, Medical Officer, ii) Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse, (iii) Smt P.Nagamani, Pharmacist, iv) Ms.A.Baby Sarojini, Staff Nurse, v) Sri T.Seshaiah, Driver, vi) Sri T.Bhaskar Rao, Attender, vii) Sri A.Satyanarayana, Attender, in a Court of Law for the offences punishable under sections 13(2) read with 13 (1) (c) and (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and requested to accord sanction for prosecution of AOs 1 & 3 to 7 and stated that No sanction order is required against Smt. M.Narayanamma (AO-2), as she had retired from service on 31.08.2002.

4 In the GOs 6th to 11th read above, the Government have accorded permission to prosecute (1) Dr.S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC, Venkatramannagudem, (AO.1) (2) Smt P.Nagamani, former Pharmacist, Gr-ll, (AO-3) (3) Kum. A.Baby Sarojini, Staff Nurse, PHC (AO.4) (4) Sri T.Seshaiah, Driver, PIC, (AO-5) (5) Sri T.Bhaskar Rao, Attender, PIC (AO.6) (6) Sri A.Satyanarayana, Attender, PHC (AO-7) in a Court of Law for the offence punishable U/s 13 (2) r/w 13(1)(c) & (d) of P.C. Act, 1988.

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5. In the letter 14th read above, while enclosing the copy of the judgment, Dated:20-12-2022 of the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE&ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has informed that the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE&ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram pronounced judgment on 20.12.2022 in C.C.No. 181/2018 stating that Dr.S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, Venkataramannagudem, PHC, West Godavari District and (06) others were found not guilty of the offense punishable u/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(c) (d) of P.C. Act, 1988 and hence they were acquitted for the said offences u/s 248(1) of Cr.P.C. Further, the Bureau opined that there are no grounds to prefer an appeal and it is not a fit case to prefer an appeal against the judgment of trial court.

6. After careful examination of the matter and in view of the recommendation of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Government have decided to drop further action against 1) Dr S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC, Venkatramannagudem, 2) Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse 3) Smt. P.Nagamani, former Pharmacist. Gr-II, 4) Sri T.Seshaiah, Driver, PHC, 5) Sri T.Bhaskar Rao, Attender, PHC, 6) Sri A.Satyanarayana, Attender, PHC and 7) Kum. A.Baby Sarojini, Staff Nurse, PHC in the surprise check by the ACB and to treat the suspension period as 'On-Duty' in terms of FR.54-(B)(3) with all consequential benefits, in respect of 1) Dr S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC, Venkatramannagudem, 2) Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse, and 3) Smt. P.Nagamani, former Pharmacist, Gr-ll on account of the judgment dated: 20.12.2022 of the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE&ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against 1) Dr. S.Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC, Venkatramannagudem, 2) Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse; 3) Smt P. Nagamani, former Pharmacist, Gr-II, 4) Sri T.Seshaiah, Driver, PHC 5) Sri T.Bhaskar Rao, Attender, PHC 6) Sri A.Satyanarayana, Attender, PHC and 7) Kum. A.Baby Sarojini, Staff Nurse, PHC in the surprise check by the ACB on 01.11.2002 and 02.11.2002, duly treating the suspension period as "On-Duty in terms of FR. 54-(B) (3) in respect of 1) Dr S. Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC, Venkatramannagudem, 2) Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse and 3) Smt.P.Nagamani, former Pharmacist, Gr-II, on account of judgment dated:20.12.2022 of the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE&ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram.

8. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

((BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr MANJULA D HOSMANI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr S. Venkata Ratnam, formerly Medical Officer, PHC, Venkatramannagudem.
Smt. M.Narayanamma, Public Health Nurse (Retd.).
Smt P.Nagamani, former Pharmacist, Gr-II, PHC, Venkatramannagudem.
Sri T.Seshaiah, the then Driver, PHC, Venkatramannagudem.
Sri T.Bhaskar Rao, Attender, PHC, Venkatramannagudem.
Sri A.Satyanarayana, Attender, PHC, Venkatramannagudem.
Kum. A.Baby Sarojini, Staff Nurse, PHC, Venkatramannagudem.
(through the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.)
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
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The Director General, ACB, PNGB, 2nd Floor, Krishnalanka, A.P., Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (HFW&ME).
The PS to Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.
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